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A Note From Pastor Andrew

After pondering over the upcoming text for Sunday, John 8:31-36, I am reminded again of the freedom that comes in Jesus Christ. I am reminded that we cannot do it alone. You may ask what “it” is, and I say to you, “it,” is whatever lays on your mind. Be it troubles or tribulations, be it sufferings or perhaps simply just life. We cannot do it alone. I don’t know about you, but I don’t know where I would be if I didn’t have faith in God to walk with me in all that comes my way. Jesus, through John, tells the world why he has come. To save us all because he does what we cannot. He comes to connect us forever to God. This always brings about for me the thought of mission. Reaching out to the world to share the Good News, but also how we can enrich and enliven each other. How we do this when we come together serving each other and how we can be served. CTK is about to vote on another move. I pray you were able to come to one of the showings or were able at least to drive by the potential new space. In many ways, this new space is exciting because it will be our own. Yes, we will be renting, but it will be all ours and I hope it will provide new life for us as a fellowship of God’s children. Yet, in order for that to be a success, your help is needed.

Someone once told me they liked going to a church where they could be “invisible.” Where they showed up, worshipped, and left. They didn’t get involved they simply connected with God in their own way and went home. If this is something you are seeking, then actually CTK isn’t for you. I’d even go out on a limb and ask you how you see the gospel speaking to you at all? Christ calls us to go forth and spread the Word, and are you doing that if you’re “invisible?” Further, again being honest, CTK is small enough that when one of us struggles all of us struggle. Why? Because we’re a family and we all care for each other. I wonder though if we’ve lost some of that this past year...or in years past. We’re in this together, but do you believe that...I hope so, because it’s true. IT’S TRUE!!! So, let’s talk, let’s listen to each other, let’s move forward together frankly for the survival of CTK. The questions I’ve asked before surface again.

-What does this place mean to you?

-Where do you see us going?

-What is our mission?

-How can you help?

-If we close will it matter to you or this community?

Questions not asked hypothetically, but asked for the very life of this church. Please be at the meeting this Sunday. PLEASE!!!! Your voice matters so so much. We vote to move, and if approved we’re going to

move fast so we can have the reawakening we desperately need. God is with us; God has this, but let us be His hands to see the mission stay alive. See you Sunday.

Announcements

Friendship Sunday—November 1

When? Every first Sunday of each month! What? Invite friends, family, co-workers to a free breakfast and an amazing service! Just tell them, "Yummy food, no dishes, no preparation.....then sit down for a relaxing and invigorating service!"

Absolutely Everyone welcome, no matter where, when or how you are in life!

Project Homeless Connect

CTK will be participating in Project Homeless Connect again this year. We are collecting socks and underwear for men, women and children. All sizes. If you see these items on sale please consider picking up some for this very worthwhile cause.

We will need volunteers on Thursday, November 5 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Watch for more details in the CTK E-news. You can bring socks and underwear to the church office. Thank you!!!!

Praise Team

Our next practice will be October 25 at 8:30 am. We will sing on Reformation Sunday, October 25.

Mediterranean Meal

Please join us on Saturday, November 7 at 5:30 pm for our first Mediterranean meal. Everyone is welcome!! Invite friends, neighbors, relatives!!! Please bring a dish to share!!

Congregational Meeting

We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the Lincoln Room at the Lapeer Center Building.

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. (or immediately following worship). We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

Marketing and Publicity Team

Next meeting is November 5 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on November 8 at 8:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Outreach Team

Next meeting is November 12 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

Worship Team

Our next meeting is November 19 (one week early because of Thanksgiving) at 5:00 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

CTK Small Groups**Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible study will meet at Nora's house on November 18 at 1:00 pm.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

Our meeting time for November will be Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. (2nd Tuesday for this month only). Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. We will meet at Nora's home. We welcome new people to join us. Bring your sewing and enjoy fellowship with others!!

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! Please bring a dish to pass. The next meeting is November 10 at 6:00 pm.

Fellowship Opportunity**Harmony Gateway Chorus**

Harmony Gateway Chorus will present "A Cruise to Remember" Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. at The Pix downtown Lapeer. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, \$8.00 for children under 12. See Gail Carlson for tickets or call 810-664-4824.

Schedule of Events**Sunday, October 25**

8:15 am Fellowship
8:30 am Praise Team practice
9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Congregational Meeting in the Lincoln Room at The Lapeer Center Building

Thursday, October 29

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, November 1

8:00 am Pancake Breakfast
9:00 am Worship

Thursday, November 5

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship
7:15 pm Marketing and Publicity Team meeting